

# LEON COUNTY'S WASTE DISPOSAL GUIDE



Garbage • Recycling • Yard Waste • Electronics • Bulk Collections



Leon County Solid Waste  
(850) 606-1800

# Leon County's Solid Waste and Recycling Programs & Services

This guide is for unincorporated Leon County residents. If you utilize City of Tallahassee Utilities, please contact the City of Tallahassee for information regarding their solid waste services.

## Contacts

### **Leon County Solid Waste**

7550 Apalachee Pkwy.  
Tallahassee, FL  
(850) 606-1800  
Hours: Mon-Sat, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[www.LeonCountyFL.gov/SolidWaste](http://www.LeonCountyFL.gov/SolidWaste)

### **Leon County Recycling and Sustainability**

1907 S. Monroe St.  
Tallahassee, FL  
(850) 606-5000  
Hours: Mon-Fri, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Recycling](http://www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Recycling)  
[www.GrowingGreen.org](http://www.GrowingGreen.org)

### **Leon County Hazardous Waste Center**

7550 Apalachee Pkwy.  
Tallahassee, FL  
(850) 606-1803  
Hours: Mon-Sat, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[www.LeonCountyFL.gov/HHW](http://www.LeonCountyFL.gov/HHW)

### **City of Tallahassee Solid Waste**

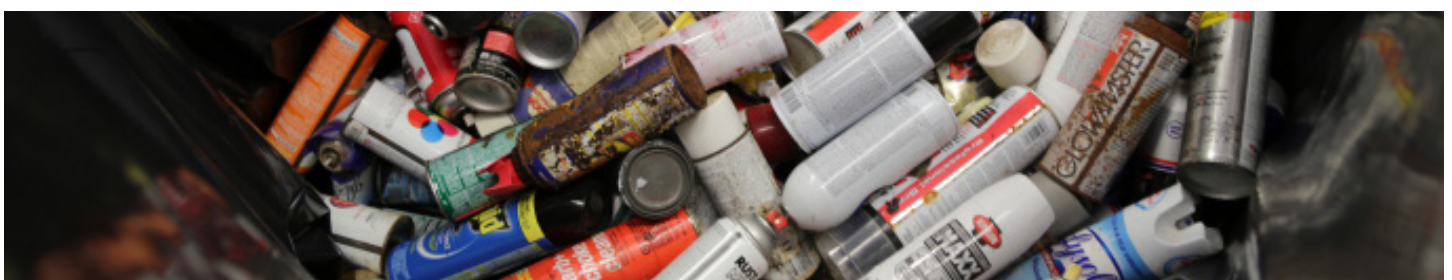
435 N. Macomb St.  
Tallahassee, FL  
(850) 891-4968  
Hours: Mon - Fri 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
[www.TalGov.com](http://www.TalGov.com)

### **Marpan Recycling**

6020 Woodville Hwy.  
Tallahassee, FL  
(850) 216-1006  
[www.Marpan.com](http://www.Marpan.com)

### **Waste Pro**

Solid Waste Collection Contractor  
264 Commerce Lane  
Midway, FL  
(850) 606-1899  
[www.WasteProUSA.com](http://www.WasteProUSA.com)





## Curbside Collection

Leon County residents can sign up for curbside garbage and recycling service via Waste Pro, the County's Solid Waste collection contractor.

### On Your Collection Day

Please place containers at the curb no later than 6 a.m. on your collection day. Collection times are between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on your day of service.

Your day of service is based on your location within the County. Please contact Waste Pro at (850) 606-1899 to determine your pick-up schedule.

### How Often is Pick-Up?

Garbage, recycling, and yard debris are picked up weekly. All pick-ups will occur on the same service day.

### Proper Placement

Garbage and recycling carts should be placed at least three feet apart and away from objects such as mailboxes and light posts.

### How Do I Sign Up?

If you would like to sign up for curbside collection, or have questions or concerns regarding your curbside service, please contact Waste Pro at (850) 606-1899.



## Bulk Collection

Call Waste Pro to arrange a bulk pick-up. Waste Pro will schedule your pick-up and give instructions on what day to place items at the curb. Your request will be serviced within seven days.

### What Qualifies as a Bulk Item?

Bulk items include appliances, furniture and other things that cannot fit inside your garbage cart.

# Recycling

## Curbside Recycling

Leon County has single-stream recycling, which means all recyclable items can go into the same container – no need to sort. Please place all recyclable plastic, paper, cardboard, glass and metal in the same bin.

## Get Another Cart

If you routinely run out of space in your recycling cart, you may want to consider a second cart. One can be delivered for a fee of \$30 or you can pick it up yourself for no fee. Contact Waste Pro at (850) 606-1899 to place your request.

## Plastic Bags and Styrofoam:

Plastic bags and Styrofoam are not recyclable in Leon County bins. However, most large grocery stores will accept these items for recycling.

## Recycling Drop-Off Locations:

- Renaissance Building (435 N. Macomb St.)
- St. John's Episcopal Bookstore (131 N. Calhoun St.)
- Miccosukee Rural Waste Service Center (13051 Miccosukee Rd.)
- Black Dog Cafe (229 Lake Ella Dr.)
- Woodville Rural Waste Service Center (549 Henry Jones Rd.)
- Hilaman Golf Course (2737 Blair Stone Rd.)
- Leon County Solid Waste Management Facility (7550 Apalachee Pkwy.)
- Ft. Braden Rural Waste Service Center (2485 E. Joe Thomas Rd.)
- Tallahassee Solid Waste Services Office (2727 Municipal Way)



### What Can I Recycle?

No need to separate your items, they can all go into the same container!



#### Yes please!



Aluminum & Steel Cans



Newspapers & Magazines



Office Paper



Glass Bottles & Jars



Plastic Bottles, Cups & Jugs



Cardboard



Envelopes & Junk Mail  
\*including the ones with clear windows!

#### No thanks!



Styrofoam



Plastic Bags



Chip Bags



Medical Sharps



Juice & Milk Cartons



Paper Towels & Napkins



Lightbulbs & Electronics  
\*note: recycle at Leon County Household Hazardous Waste!



Leon County Office of Resource Stewardship  
[www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Recycling](http://www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Recycling)

Visit [www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Recycling](http://www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Recycling) to learn more about recycling services and proper recycling methods.



## Yard Debris

Yard debris piles should be no larger than 6 feet long, 4 feet high and 4 feet wide. You can have as many of these 6' x 4' x 4' piles at the curb as needed.

Please be aware that yard debris not within 6 feet of the curb may not be collected.

Individual pieces of yard debris should not exceed 6 feet in length and 4 inches in diameter. Yard debris that does not meet these specifications may not be picked up.

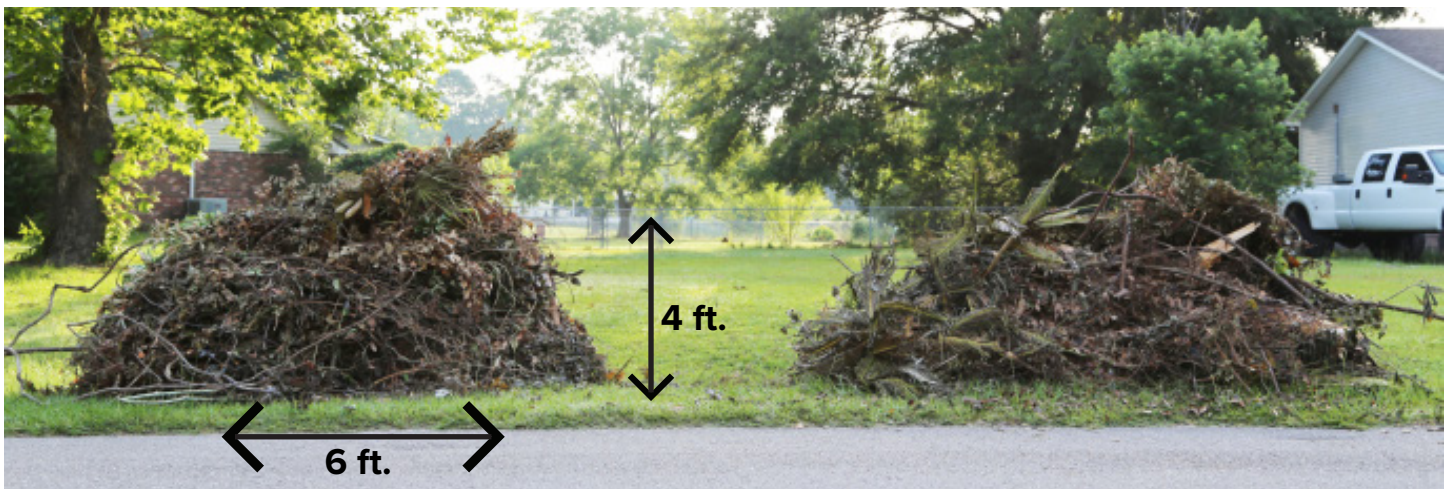
Residents may request to have a large pile picked up for a fee. Please call Waste Pro at (850) 606-1899 to arrange.

### How Often is Pick-Up?

Yard debris piles will be picked up weekly on the same day as your general collection.

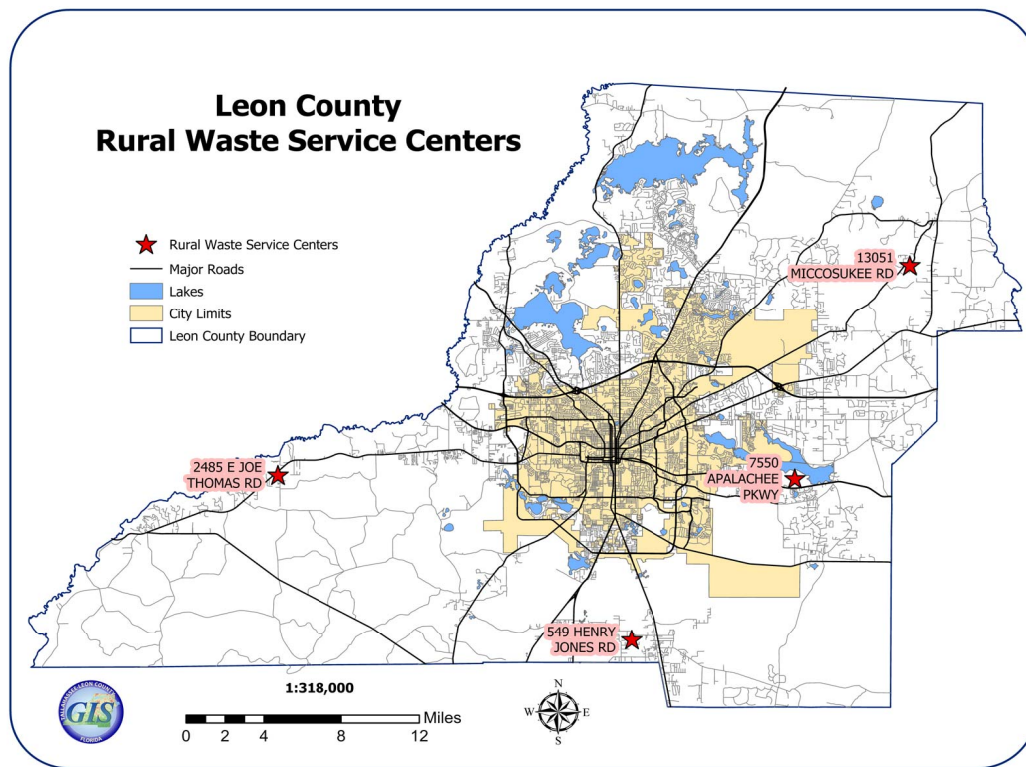
### Skip the Plastic Bag

Plastic bags are not recyclable in Leon County and are difficult to remove from yard debris. The best option is to put loose items of yard debris in a sturdy container or paper bag.



# Rural Waste Service Centers

There are four Rural Waste Service Centers in Leon County, available for all County residents free of charge.



## Locations

- **Solid Waste Management Facility**  
7550 Apalachee Pkwy.  
Mon-Sat: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
(850) 606-1800
- **Woodville**  
549 Henry Jones Rd.  
Fri: 9 a.m.- 6 p.m.  
Sat & Sun: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
(850) 488-9099
- **Fort Braden**  
2485 East Joe Thomas Rd.  
Fri: 9 a.m.- 6 p.m.  
Sat & Sun: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
(850) 488-9119
- **Miccosukee**  
13051 Miccosukee Rd.  
Fri: 9 a.m.- 6 p.m.  
Sat & Sun: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
(850) 922-0097

## What If I Prefer Curbside Service?

All Rural Waste customers have the opportunity to subscribe to curbside collection through Waste Pro at \$14.02 a month. Services include weekly garbage, recycling and yard debris pick up, as well as bulky pick up upon request. Call Waste Pro at (850) 606-1899 to learn more.

## Household Hazardous Waste

When thrown away, many household products can pose a health risk and pollute the environment. Leon County residents can bring their hazardous items to the Household Hazardous Waste Center for free.

### Items Accepted at the Center

We accept items that are flammable, corrosive, reactive, toxic or contain electronic components. If you're not sure if something is hazardous, we encourage you to bring it anyway. If in doubt, bring it out!

Acceptable items include:

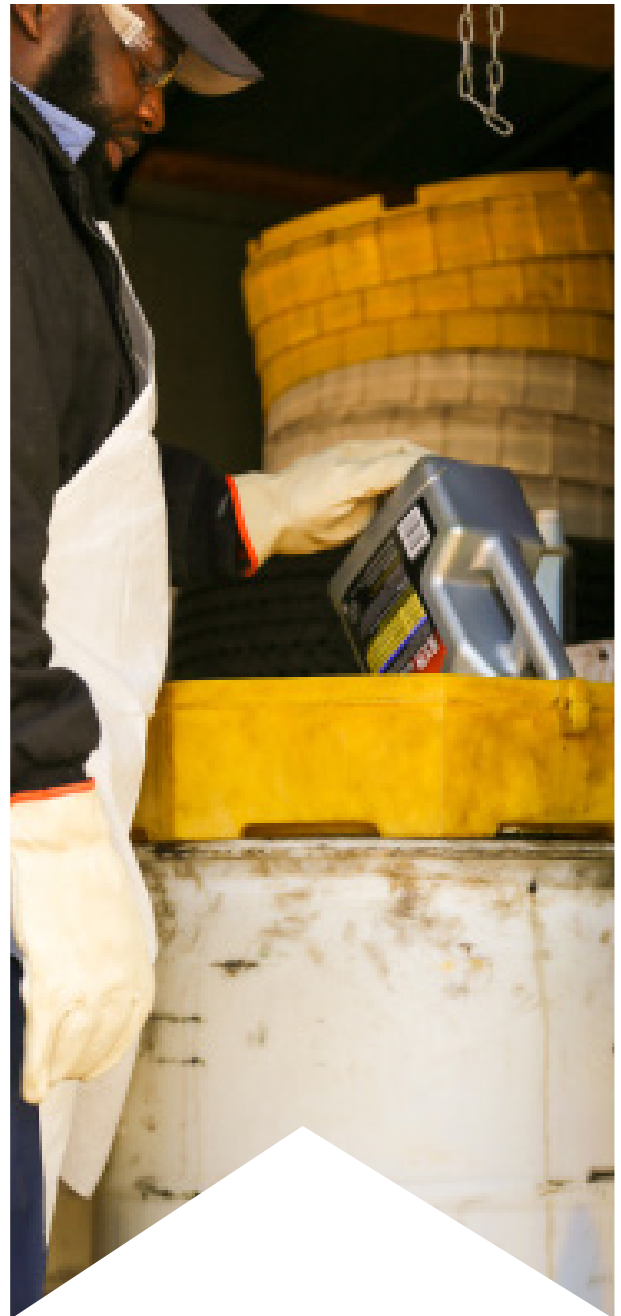
- Electronics (Televisions, Computers, etc.)
- Batteries
- Light Bulbs
- Paint, Oils
- Glue, Solvents
- Cleaner (Aerosols, Mildew Remover, etc.)
- Lawn and Garden Chemicals
- Pool Chemicals
- Motor Oil and Antifreeze
- Gasoline, Kerosene, Diesel Fuel
- Propane Bottles and Tanks
- Tires (limit one per household)
- Nail Polish & Remover
- Hair Dyes

### Monthly Collection Events

Free collection events are hosted on the first Saturday of the month between September and May at the Leon County Public Works Operations Center, 2280 Miccosukee Road, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### Business Hazardous Waste Collection

Leon County Solid Waste allows very small quantity generators (less than 220lbs of hazardous waste per month) to dispose of their hazardous waste at a lower cost than most commercial hazardous waste services. This can save businesses thousands of dollars in fees. Businesses will also receive documentation of proper disposal for their records. Businesses and other agencies must call (850) 606-1803 to make an appointment, Monday through Friday, to drop off their items at the Leon County Hazardous Waste Center, 7550 Apalachee Pkwy.





# Prescription and Medical Waste

Prescription medicines and medical sharps should not be thrown away as regular trash because they can contaminate the environment, injure citizens and workers, or even end up in the hands of the wrong people.

## How Citizens can Properly Dispose of Medical Sharps:

The Florida Department of Health in Leon County established a medical sharps disposal program in 2002. In order to participate, citizens must show proof of Leon County residency. Once approved, citizens will be given a free sharps container that must be returned once full. A new container will be given at no charge. You may pick up a free medical sharps container at the Florida Department of Health in Leon County's Office: 1515 Old Bainbridge Rd. For questions, please call 850-404-6400.

## How Citizens can Dispose of Prescriptions:

It is vital to properly dispose of unused or unwanted prescriptions in a way that is safe for the environment, other citizens and their pets, and for our waste workers. Properly dispose of medical waste at one of five permanent Drug Enforcement Administration-authorized collection locations:

- Tallahassee Police Department (234 E 7th Ave)
- Walgreens (1202 N. Magnolia Dr.)
- Walgreens (3531 Thomasville Rd.)
- Walgreens (2009 W. Tennessee St.)
- CVS (5466 Thomasville Rd. N.)

These locations are authorized to collect unused prescriptions at any time. If the pharmacy closest to you is not listed above, you can ask your pharmacist about DisposeRX packets that will properly render unwanted medications unusable, allowing for safe at-home disposal.

Additionally, local organizations host two annual drug take back events—Operation Medicine Cabinet in April and National Prescription Drug Take Back Day in October. For more information on these events go to [DEA.org](http://DEA.org).

*If none of these options are open to you, the EPA recommends placing the medication in a sealed container, mixing it with an undesirable substance like coffee grounds or cat litter, and placing the container in the trash. **Learn more at [LeonCountyFL.gov/medical-waste](http://LeonCountyFL.gov/medical-waste)***





## The Renew Center

### Free “ReNewed” Paint

Our program recycles used paint (by mixing “like” colors) and gives it back to the community in five-gallon buckets for free. “ReNew” Paint is given away on Thursday mornings at 8 a.m. in front of the Household Hazardous Waste building. Paint is given on a first-come, first-served basis.



### Renew Center

Items such as household cleaners, wood stain, latex paint, etc., brought to the Household Hazardous Waste Center in good condition are placed in our Renew Center and are completely free for Leon County residents.

### Free Event Recycling Bins

If planning an event within Leon County, citizens can borrow and use our ClearStream recycling containers for free.

### Free Mulch

Did you know that yard debris is recycled into mulch? Free mulch, made from residents' collected yard debris, is available for County residents. Mulch is available in two forms: coarse mulch or fine mulch. Need help loading mulch into your vehicle? Stop by the Scalehouse (building A) or call ahead at (850) 606-1800 for assistance loading mulch into your truck.

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